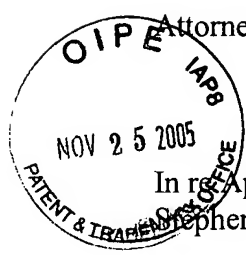


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In re Application of:  
Stephen Alan Smith et al.

Application No.: 10/645,268  
Confirmation No.: 7351  
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Examiner: Robin A. Hylton  
Art Unit: 3727

For: Reclosable Container Lid

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on November 18, 2005. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

				Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23 -	20 =	3	x \$25=		x \$50=	\$150
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$350	

☒ Check No. 25819 in the amount of \$ 350.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 18, 2005

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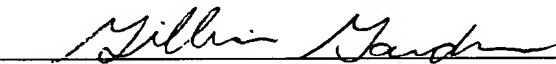


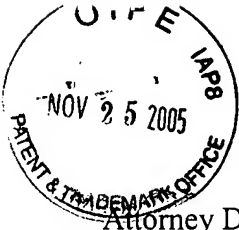
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 18, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and,

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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